

An Alexandria Reminiscence.

MR. EDITOR:—A number of works have been written in regard to the various "Cries" of the larger cities of the world. For instance, "The Cries of London," written many years ago, and doubtless quite familiar to many of your readers; also, a later work, by Mr. Mayhew, entitled, "London Labor and the London Poor," in which all the various peculiarities of the itinerant trading among the poorer classes of the population are given in very interesting detail.

These peculiarities, however, do not belong entirely to the large cities. There are some incident to this place, now almost quite obsolete, but which are yet familiar to the recollection of not very old inhabitants and which, I think, ought to be rescued from oblivion. Any one of your readers whose memory can run down the vista of the past for the last twenty five or thirty years, can well remember the old familiar song of the Oysterman, and in imagination see him trudging lazily along the street at night, with his shining tin bucket filled with the choicest "bivalves," and rattling at intervals between the verses of his song, the tin cups with which he served his customers, with "the finest Yorkey oysters you ever did see." I have endeavored to get a correct version of this old song, and give it below. The familiarity with which it will doubtless greet the memory of many of your old readers, will take them back, with a moment of joy only, to the recollection of the good old days of yore, when peace and plenty reigned over us, and happiness and contentment seemed to pervade the bosom of every inhabitant of the town, and the remembrance that those happy days are gone, perhaps never to return again, and the reality of the sad times into which we have now fallen, being continually forced upon the mind, will leave in the heart a pang of regret, and a sorrow, that no more can be had, and "right at your door," the largest and finest oysters at "only ten cents a pint."

PERCY.

THE SONG OF THE OYSTERMAN.

Here's my nice city O! Here's my nice Yorkey Oysters.
Here's my nice city O! High relished Oysters.
Here's my Oysters as nice as can be;
Pray will you buy any? Pray can you buy any?
Here are Oysters as nice as you ever did see,
Pray will you buy any from me?

Here are my Oysters as nice as can be,
And they are all for the use of the city,
They are nice, and fresh and just from the shell;
I can't tell the reason my Oysters won't sell.
My Oysters are sweet they are round and complete.
For Oysters at ten cents a pint.

Oh, my father he dwelt in Roseberry Lane,
He opened nice oysters and I do the same;
For every oyster is round as a clam,
And every oyster is fit as a lamb;
Most beautiful oysters! high relished oysters,
The prettiest oysters you ever did see.

Oh, ladies and gentlemen take great delight,
In having nice oysters for supper at night.
My oysters are white and my kettles are bright,
And if you won't buy my oysters I'll bid you good night.
Good night ladies, good night gentlemen,
Good night ladies and gentlemen all.

NOTE.—It may be as well to mention in connection with the foregoing remarks, that the oystermen alluded to, were invariably very respectable colored men. The writer of this, hunted up one of the oldest now living, in fact the very oldest, Alfred Noland, from whom he obtained the words of the above song.
Alexandria, January 31, 1865.

The Committee of Conference on the two Freedmen's Bureau bills respectively passed by the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives, have agreed to report a bill establishing a Bureau of Freedmen's affairs and abandoned plantations.

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